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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF BACTERIOLOGICAL CONVENTION
TO BERLIN

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1. WE CONCUR IN EMBASSY ASSESSMENT THAT FRG'S NEW
ARGUMENTATION ON ALLEGED DISADVANTAGES NON-EXTENSION
WOULD ENTAIL FOR BERLIN RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IS UN-
PERSUASIVE AND CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE
APPROPRIATE TO EXTEND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION TO
BERLIN. NON-EXTENSION OF CONVENTION SHOULD HAVE NO
PRACTICAL EFFECT FOR BERLIN INSTITUTIONS. ALLIED
DEMILITARIZATION LEGISLATION ALREADY IMPOSES PEACEFUL USES
LIMITS ON CAPACITY OF BERLIN INSTITUTIONS TO DEAL WITH
MATERIALS COVERED BY CONVENTION. THAT
LEGISLATION PROVIDES AS FIRM A GUARANTEE TO OTHER STATES
AS RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS OF CONVENTION THAT BIOLOGICAL
MATERIALS WILL NOT BE MISUSED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.
TO EXTENT THAT PARTICULAR USE IS PEACEFUL AND CAN BE
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SQUARED WITH ALLIED LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, BERLIN

INSTITUTIONS WOULD REMAIN FREE TO ENGAGE IN EXCHANGES
WITH INSTITUTIONS OF THIERD STATES. THOSE INSTITUTIONS,
IN TURN, ARE NOT BARRED BY CONVENTION FROM DEALING WITH
INSTITUTIONS IN TERRITORY NOT SUBJECT TO CONVENTION.
SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 10 PRESERVES FOR RATHER THAN CONFERS
UPON PARTICIPATING STATES RIGHT TO COOPERATE IN PEACEFUL
USES, AND THAT RIGHT IS NOT RESTRICTED TO STATES OR
TERRITORY COVERED BY CONVENTION. GEORGE

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